

REMARKS

Claims 8, 10 and 20-32 are pending in the application. Claims 25-32 have been allowed. Claims 1-7, 9 and 11-19 have been canceled. Claims 8, 20 and 21 have been amended. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application by the Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment After Final be entered in accordance with 37 CFR §116 and MPEP 714.13 since the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claims 8, 10, and 20-24 as being dependent upon a rejected base claims but stated that claims 8, 10 and 20-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of independent claim 3 from which it directly depends. Claim 20 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of independent claim 18 from which it directly depends. Claims 10 and 21-24 depend respectively from claims 8 and 20. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 8, 10 and 20-24.

Conclusion

Insofar as the Examiner's objections and rejections to claims 8, 10 and 20-24 have been fully addressed, and claims 25-32 have been allowed, the instant application including claims 8, 10 and 20-32 is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Final Rejection, formal entry of the present "Amendment After Final," and issuance of a Notice of Allowability of claims 8, 10 and 20-32 is therefore earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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